

REMARKS

The applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in the telephonic interview of February 26, 2009. Although no definitive agreement was reached, a productive discussion of the Rogers, St. Ville and Keane references was had in view of the pending claims. In addition, the Examiner disclosed a favorable view with regard to the amendments to the claims concerning clarification of the expansion and contraction cycle in the present amendment detailed above.

The current amendments to the claims presume entry of the previous amendment filed February 17, 2009. The amendments to the claims are fully supported by the specification as filed, no new matter has been added. The support for the claim amendments may be found at page 10, lines 12-22, page 19, lines 2-7 and page 37, line 22 to page 39, line 12.

Applicants believe the pending claims to be patentable. Reconsideration and allowance is sincerely requested. It is believed that no fee is due for entry and consideration of this amendment. However, if the office determines that a fee is necessary, the fee may be charged to deposit account 50-2949.

Respectfully submitted,

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